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This is a response to the final office action mailed on March 29, 2002.

Remarks

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Benyacar et al. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-14, and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated Jagadish et al. The Examiner has rejected claims 5 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Jagadish et al.

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